



Welcome to the October 2014 update for all of the kind supporters of our Group.

October saw yet another increase in call outs with an impressive 53 in the month, the second highest month of the year. However included within these numbers were 10 stand downs on route.

The analysis of the call areas was as follows:

AREA	Calls - Month	Calls - YTD
Spencers Wood	15	80
Whitley	10	63
Other	7	47
Burghfield	5	12
Reading	5	38
Shinfield	4	40
Farley Hill	2	17
Lower Earley	2	12
Three Mile Cross	1	27
Beech Hill	1	10
Arborfield	1	25
Swallowfield	0	17
Risleley	0	9
Hampshire	0	8
Mortimer	0	5
TOTAL	53	410

We were first on scene for 81% of the time.

Our average time to be on scene from being dispatched was once more fractionally over 6 minutes.

The calls we attended included: a cardiac arrest, chest pains, breathing difficulties, someone kicked by a horse, 2 incidences of diabetic hyperglycaemia, various falls, abdominal pains and 5 unconscious patients, a stroke and Crohn's disease.

Whilst the ladies yet again accounted for the majority of our calls at 41%, this month the men were not that far behind at 37% with the children accounting for 22%.

The average ages of people attended were 65 for the ladies, 60 for the men and 7 for the children.

We logged 407 hours of cover for the community, bringing our total YTD to 3,953 hours, so we are on track to provide a similar amount of time to that provided last year and are currently averaging 12 hours of cover each and every day.

Events

We attended the Arborfield Emergency Services Day where Barry and Stephen represented us. The day was a great success with poor Barry and Stephen not getting much chance to stand up as nearly every single child who attended wanted to be shown and try CPR!



We hope we are asked back for next year's event.

Staff

As reported in last months update, Ian is stopping front line duty at the end of this year and we are celebrating his achievements and saying thank you at a Cheese and Wine evening at the Swallowfield Parish hall at 6.30pm on Friday 12th December, to which you are all warmly invited! Please do pass on the invitation to others as it is a chance for the community to express their thanks for Ian and his devotion to the scheme over the past years.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Swallowfield.cfr@gmail.com so that we can ensure that we cater for the correct amount of people.

We are now on the lookout for a new responder, so if you know of anyone who would like to join our very proactive and dynamic little group and can provide at least 2-3 days cover a month during the week, then please do let us know! Anyone who is interested should contact us at Swallowfield.cfr@gmail.com.

Join Us Today
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Swallowfield Community Responders are all volunteers who provide an average of 12 hours a day cover for the Ambulance Service, 24 hours a day cover for the Fire Service and 24 hours a day cover for the Police.

You will be trained by the Ambulance Service and your very own specialist four person team.

If you can provide at least 2-3 full days cover a month during the week, please contact us.

Swallowfield Community Responders

We are very proud to announce that our group was once again nominated for Group of the Year for the AMBIES, an internal awards evening for the South Central Ambulance Foundation Trust and that Barry Davis has personally been nominated for Volunteer of The Year. Whilst the Group did not make it to the final round and to the award ceremony itself, we are pleased to say that Barry did and therefore at the end of November will be attending the ceremony with a hope of actually winning the category. We are sure that you will all wish Barry the very best of luck!

HEARTSTART SWALLOWFIELD

WE HAVE DONE IT!



We are extremely pleased and excited to announce that we have been successful in raising the funds to put as many as 8 Automated External Defibrillators in to the Community as we have now raised in excess of £11,000 to fund their purchase.

We are now working with the Swallowfield, Shinfield, Beech Hill and Arborfield Parish Councils with an aim of picking the best sites and to look at getting these into the Community as quickly as is possible. The only thing stopping this now is the speed of delivery of the equipment and the eagerness of the Councils to engage with us.

We cannot as of today disclose where all of the funding has come from as we are under a publicity embargo, but as soon as we can we will publicly acknowledge all of the people and charitable trusts that made this happen.

In October we delivered 2 Heartstart Courses, bringing the total number trained to 245. These were for the Shinfield Voluntary Car Service and the residents of Beech Hill. Both courses were a great success with some very good course critiques and comments after each course. Participants on both courses took advantage of the Grow your Tenner Campaign and made donations via the site, so we thank you very much.

Gary attended an Arborfield Parish Council meeting to explain the AED initiative and also to explain the Heartstart Course. The outcome is that Arborfield are keen to have an AED and also for us to deliver Heartstart Courses in their Parish for their residents.

Our next course in November is full and our December course only has 5 spaces left on it, so if you are interested then please do book.

Please remember, we can (subject to Instructor availability) offer courses anywhere to anyone, so if you know a company that would like a dedicated course for them please just drop us a line.

The importance of our courses can be shown by many stories, the latest one being where an attendee's 2 year old son started choking on a crisp, his face went bright red, so the father performed the back slaps (as shown by Heartstart) and after a few it cleared the obstruction which came flying out!

The full details of the course and dates can be found at www.heartstartswallowfield.co.uk. Alternatively give Gary a ring on 07768 068 270.





Yes it's that time of year again when any donations made via

<http://localgiving.com/heartstartswallowfield>

or

<http://localgiving.com/swallowcf>

will be matched up to £10. i.e.: every individual £10 donation will mean £20 to us and more if the donor ticks the gift aid boxes. Clearly this is a great opportunity for both the Responders and Heartstart, so if anyone is thinking of making a donation, then as from 10am on Tuesday 14th October, it will be doubled!

Please click here for further details: <http://www.swallowfieldresponders.co.uk/grow-your-tenner>

Regards,

Swallowfield Community Responders

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